GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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PLANTS FOR FRUIT JUICE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of plants working under the Agriculture Marketing Corporation to prepare concentrated fruit in the country as on date;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to promote basic facilities to these plants to increase the sale of agricultural products; and

(c) the action being taken by the Government to make available aseptic packaging of these products for the export pruposes?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TH. CHAOBA SINGH)

(a): As per information available, there are nearly a dozen major Fruit Concentrate Plants in the country in public and private sectors.

(b): Department of Food Processing Industries provides concessional finance for creation of Infrastructural facilities. Besides, other agencies like National Horticultural Board (NHB), Agricultural and Processed Food Export Development Authority (APEDA), National Co-operative Development Corporation also provide assistance under their respective schemes.

(c): The Government does not set up aseptic packaging facilities of its own. However, Department of Food Processing Industries and other Government agencies provide financial assistance under their respective schemes.